

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

A2 Sub 14. (New) A buoyancy compensator, comprising:
a body member; and
an active control releasable ballast system attached to said body member, said active control releasable ballast system including a side releasable buckle having a first section and a second section.

Sub 15. (New) The buoyancy compensator of claim 14 wherein said active control releasable ballast system further including:
a ballast receiving pocket;
a ballast member disposed within said receiving pocket;
a first strap attached at least approximate to said receiving pocket; and
a second strap attached at least approximate to said receiving pocket;
wherein said first section of said side releasable buckle attached to said first strap, said second section of said side releasable buckle attached to said second strap, wherein prior to removable of said ballast member from said receiving pocket said first section and said second section are connected to each other.

16. (New) The buoyancy compensator of claim 15 further including a pouch for holding said ballast member, said pouch disposed within said receiving pocket prior to release of said ballast member and said pouch.

17. (New) The buoyancy compensator of claim 16 wherein said